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Enclosed herewith are the following for the above-identified non-provisional patent application:

- Second Preliminary Amendment (2 pages); and 1.
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The Applicant believes that there are no fees due with this submission, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22596-531 (CO-14).

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, kindly enter the amendments presented below:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 26, 27, 81, 82, 123 and 124.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted in order to cancel certain claims in the application.

Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at the number provided below.

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